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While assessing a yellow-tagged victim, trainee Holden Joyne instructs other volunteers during the mass accident in Redden Village.



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Emergency disaster trainees Chad Sullivan and Madison Dickerson assist a role-player from the rescue boat at the dock.

Missouri Hope hosts annual training for hands-on education

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Missouri Hope hosted its annual emergency disaster training Oct. 13-15. This program allows participants to experience what it is like to be a first responder during and after a natural disaster or mass casualty situation. This three-day long training program was held at the Mazingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area and the Mazingo Youth Camp. In this program participants went through seven different lanes. A lane is a simulated natural disaster or mass casualty situation where the participants will go out and find and help the people in the disaster who are played by volunteer role-players. Every year there is a mass casualty lane where the scenario changes, this year it was a tornado that had gone through a trailer park. These seven lanes included an overwater rescue, mass casualty, disaster medical operations module and strike teams during the day, and then at night, there

was an animals in disasters lane and a search and rescue lane. The participants were put into groups so that they could work together to do the lane they were assigned at the time. Mackenzie Baker, the planning and operations officer for this program, said some groups may do a single lane more than once so they can learn how to handle each individual situation properly. "Each lane lasts about four hours," Baker said. "So they will run through the lane, they will debrief about how they did and sometimes they will reset, so maybe if they struggled that first time, they'll pause, talk about what they can do better and then do it again so that they end on a positive experience at each lane." Baker is an alumni at Northwest. She started participating in the Missouri Hope program her freshman year in 2016 and has been coming back in order to work her way up to become the planning and operations officer. Baker said this program has been helpful for her in many aspects as she has continued her career. She said she is proud of



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After a simulated mass tornado in a trailer park, role-player Mikayla Nonella screams for help while role-player Kiersten Marek lays on the ground.



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After being assessed for injury, trainee Justin Spencer and Lt. Andy Jones lift a victim onto a gurney. After victims have been examined, they are transported by ambulance to the field tent.

the work she has put in to be able to get herself in the position she is in today. "This is something I reference in job interviews all the time, and people are always really interested in it and hearing about the experiences, and also, someone my age usually isn't this high in an exercise," Baker said. Northwest senior Connor Russell, an emergency and disaster management major, has also worked with this program for multiple years. He has worked as staff in the past in the operations center, and he said since this is his last year as a student, he wanted to gain experience from both the staff and par-

ticipants side of the situations. From this experience, the participants have opportunities to learn a variety of skills. They will gain both leadership and followership experience as well as more specific skills that come with their position in the lanes. Russell said his goal is to learn these skills and others. "I'm hoping to learn how to come from being staff and then go to the participant side and be able to take and give orders with ease," Russell said. "I think this experience will help me in the future, just like learning how to lead and follow people in a proper manner."

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ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR
Wesley, a two-month old kitten, is available for adoption at the New Nodaway Humane Society.

Local shelter talks superstitions against black animals, importance of monitoring adoptions

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The Halloween season brings a lot of superstitions to the forefront of people's minds. One of these is the stereotype that black cats, and sometimes other black animals, bring bad luck. Black cats are more likely to be harmed during October and the closer it gets to Halloween, according to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Lots of these stories have been shared throughout the years on social media. New Nodaway Humane Society Shelter Manager Wendy Combs said there is not an influx of black cats or animals brought into the shelter during the holiday. Combs said in Maryville the most serious situation the shelter had responded to was a cat that was shot with an arrow. She was not there, so she does not know entirely what hap-

pened, but said things like that can happen around here. "You have to definitely monitor who is adopting around those times because it is a stereotype that people will get black cats or whatever and do bad things to them," Combs said. "We just really in the month of October watch if people are wanting a black cat or a black dog to make sure it's for the right reasons."

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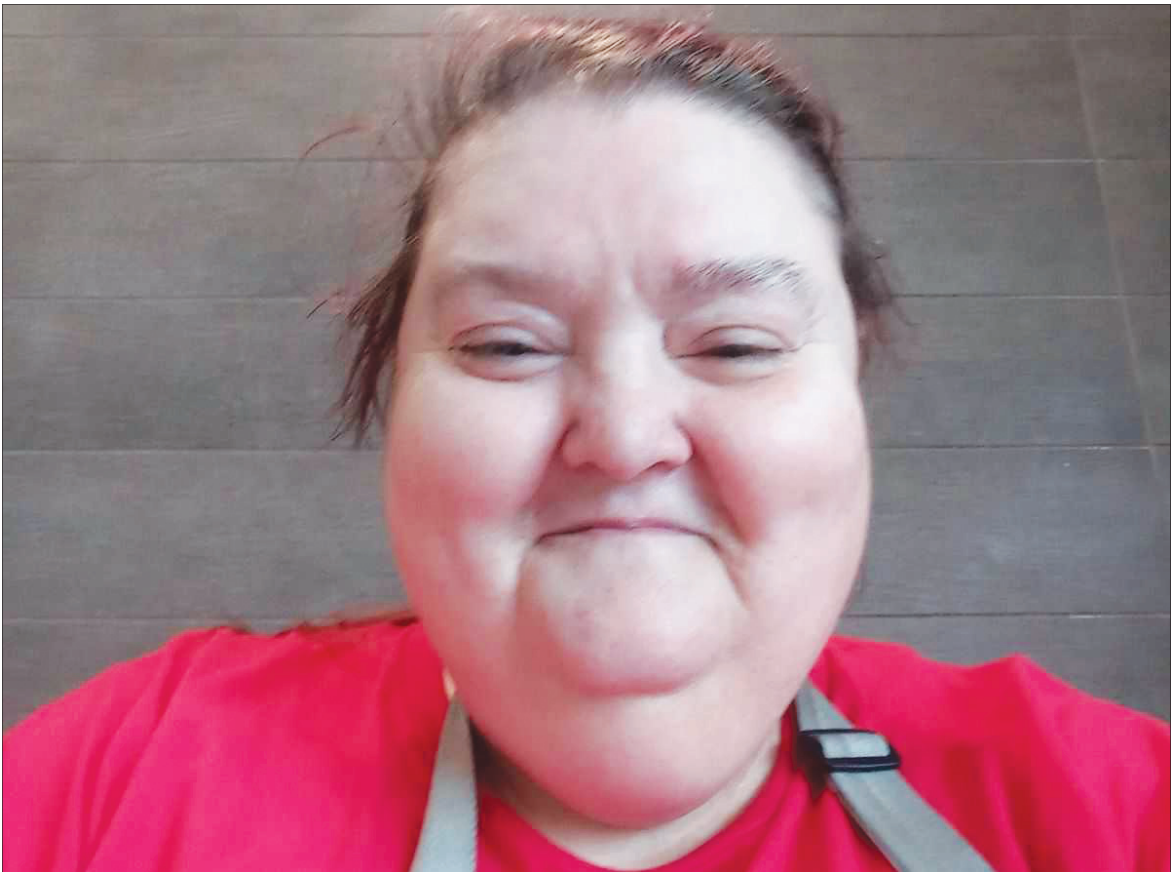
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Maryville shows support to McDonald’s employee

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Many people in the community have noticed a familiar face missing at the local McDonald’s. McDonald’s employee Denise Summitt has been in the hospital since Labor Day being treated for Charcot foot. Charcot foot is a condition that affects less than 1% of people with diabetes, according to Cleveland Clinic. The nerve damage causes a loss in feeling in a person’s feet or ankles and makes injury and infection more common, and the longer it is untreated the more damage it does.

Summitt already had an infection in her foot and then fell on Labor Day and had to be taken to the hospital in St. Joseph. Summitt said she had been telling her doctor something was wrong with her foot for about a year, and nobody had taken a look at it until she was sent to St. Joseph.

Michelle Gascoigne has set up a GoFundMe for Summitt because she wants to help support her and thinks the community would as well. So far \$2,260 has been raised as of Oct. 17.

The top donation to the GoFundMe was a \$1,000 donation from an anonymous user, and 43 others have also joined the list.

“I have been overwhelmed by all the love, and they’ve sent me flowers,” Summitt said. “I’ve about cried so many times looking at the support that helped me get the apartment, and you know, helped me pay some bills that I had to get paid.”

The donations have helped her with her transition to living in the Autumn House Apartments. These apartments are specifically for disabled and elderly people. Her previous apartment required her to walk up a lot of stairs, and now she won’t have to worry about stairs anymore. She also plans on buying a knee scooter to help her keep weight off her foot.

Alex and Sharlene Letchner helped her move apartments, and Julie Marez is the one making sure all of Summitt’s bills are being paid and helping her wash her clothes. Summitt said they have all been an amazing support system for her during this time.

Summitt said she is prepared and ready to go back to working at McDonald’s when she can.

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DENISE SUMMITT

MCDONALD’S EMPLOYEE

“They said I am more than welcome to go back there because my customers miss me, and I really miss them,” Summitt said.

Summitt has already had three procedures done and is now doing hyperbaric oxygen chamber treatment on her foot. This treatment is used to speed up healing on wounds that are not healing on their own.

\$2,260 raised of \$3,000 goal

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She is in long term treatment, which she said has been very comfortable, and she is getting to know people a lot better. She said she is glad she moved there.

Summitt has been looking for a foster home for her cat, Churro, during her next five weeks of treatment before she can return to Maryville. She said she is ready to come back and get into her new apartment and back to McDonald’s.

“I miss all my people in Maryville very badly,” Summitt said.

Sisters create custom apparel business, talk surprising success

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KB Creations is a custom apparel business that began earlier this year. Run by sisters, the business has quickly sparked interest in the community.

Briley Wilmes approached her

sister, Kasey Du Chien, about creating a business that sells custom koozies in May, but Du Chien was not on board at the time. It has now become popular in Maryville and surrounding areas.

Nonetheless, Wilmes ordered materials in June, and the business kicked off from there. The sis-

ters started making custom clothing items along with the koozies.

Wilmes is a hairstylist at O’Hair Salon in Maryville, and Du Chien is a junior human services major at Northwest. KB Creations is a part-time gig for the sisters, but it is an important aspect of both of their lives.

For Du Chien, starting a business as a college student meant riding a new wave of balancing school and work.

be sure you’re sharing and posting and liking to get people to see it,” Wilmes said. “We would do giveaways and tell people to share and invite their friends.”

The sisters were shocked at how successful KB Creations has become after existing for only a few months.

running the business.

Wilmes came in with knowledge of running a business from her experience as a hairstylist, so she felt confident with the startup of KB Creations.

On the opposite side, Du Chien felt anxious about starting the business, and it was really hard for her to jump on board with her sister.

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KB CREATIONS CO-FOUNDER

“We’re doing way better than I was expecting,” Wilmes said. “Owning my own business doing hair, I know how to permit it out there.”

Running KB Creations is a rewarding experience for Du Chien because she said she gets to spend more time with her sister. Wilmes also said having the extra money and a flexible schedule is another bonus of

“I was like, we’re not gonna make any money, it’s just gonna be a waste of time,” Du Chien said. “Just seeing it be a success is really amazing and just really rewarding.”

KB Creations’ biggest demographics of customers are college-age and middle-age people, with not many people from age groups in between. They do, however, sell to some high school students, which the sisters credit to their affordable prices.

Wilmes’ advice for anyone looking to start their own business is to save up a lot of money, and Du Chien said to take the jump.

“You really just have to go for it,” Wilmes said.

Through KB Creations, the sisters sell any custom apparel, like T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants. Items they do not sell are hats and cups because Du Chien said they do not have the proper equipment to do so.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Maryville’s South Main Corridor Improvement Project will address multi-modal transportation challenges of the existing roadway. The project consists of 1.5 miles of improvement on South Main Street from Highway 160 to Highway 166. The project encourages a safe, multi-modal roadway that improves safety, access and connectivity.

As the primary arterial roadway in the commercial and central business district, the mix of high traffic volume, commercial and healthcare facilities, and regional center. The corridor’s vibrant character is a key asset to the community.

The South Main Corridor Improvement Project is a necessity, development and improvement of South Main Street are critical to help the community thrive.

Maryville’s Transportation Vision

The South Main Corridor Improvement Project on the roadway and surrounding areas. Access to the corridor is compromised by poor conditions for pedestrians including uneven pavement, narrow sidewalks, and lack of crosswalks. The community’s vision for the corridor is to be a safe, multi-modal, and vibrant campus. Maryville is committed to making this vision a reality.

- Absence of sidewalks on the main thoroughfare, Highway 160, and nearby school and local industrial areas. The lack of economic development and connectivity along the corridor.

Regional and National Context

As part of the project, the project will help improve the citizen safety. The project provides opportunities for commercial and residential development along South Main Corridor as well as to construct this road to provide multi-modal connectivity, provide multi-modal connectivity to the downtown area. The project is a to improve the citizen safety.

MAP OF THE PROJECT AREA



III. GRANT FUNDS, SOURCES AND USES OF PROJECT FUNDS

Maryville seeks \$10,488,088 in BUILD funding support for a multi-modal project that will improve the corridor. The project is a key asset to the community. The project is a key asset to the community. The project is a key asset to the community.

Maryville sees success with grant funding opportunities

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Maryville City Manager Greg McDanel’s office sits at the top of a flight of stairs at City Hall. Inside, his desk is home to multiple stacks of manila folders containing pages upon pages of documents about city business, each with more data and information on both ongoing projects and ones in planning.

For more than a decade, Maryville has been laying the foundation for the reconstruction of South Main Street. But years before the project had its ribbon cutting signifying completion of phase I Sept. 18, it started simply as a plan on paper.

be successful in receiving funding. “Those kinds of documents that are critical to support your grant request, you know, that’s always something that grants asked for is, you know, ‘Do you have a plan that supports this request?’ And so, you know, a lot of using those documents, so kind of the pre-work that goes into it,” Heiland said. McDanel said each week he gets emails and newsletters containing different grant opportunities and Notice of Funding Opportunities. The NOFOs include details on the type of funding and information on the application. Sometimes these grant opportunities are found months in advance, while others have a shorter time period.

cal Year 2024 budget, of the nine projects outlined in the next year, all but two of them are supported by some kind of grant. One of the more recent awards was \$767,000 for the Downtown Pedestrian Alleyway project. This was one of the projects outlined in the Comprehensive Plan over a decade ago. While it wasn’t a high-priority part of the plan, grant funding opportunities that aligned with the project arose, and the city submitted an application. The process of receiving a grant doesn’t stop when the city receives the check, though. Oftentimes, there is a lot of grant administration reporting.

\$15,742,650

in grant funds were awarded to 16 projects that were worked on in Fiscal Year 2023

The project started as an idea in the Maryville Comprehensive Plan approved in 2012. Since then, staff worked with outside companies to lay the foundation of the project to survey the space and design the space that is in the process of being fully transformed. When it came to funding for the project, the city set its sights on acquiring money from grants.

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projects being worked on in 2023 received grant funding

McDanel, who has been in his position since 2012, said grant writing was always part of the job, but opportunities have increased since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. There was an influx of money through different COVID recovery funds, like the American Rescue Plan Act, that allowed for more funds to support federal and state grants. “A couple years ago, City Council and staff really made it a priority,” McDanel said. “You know, the funding is out there. And so as a community, we’re going to go after it. So when we find those opportunities, we start working on those projects.” McDanel said the Comprehensive Plan helps with receiving grant funding and finding places new grant opportunities can fit. The plan outlined many projects to improve land usage, public facilities, infrastructure and how to revitalize and make Downtown Maryville a better place for residents and visitors. Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland said that when people hear about grants, they may not consider the amount of planning that goes into the process before deciding to apply. There is a lot of effort that goes into having plans in place in order to

Depending on the type of grant, the timeline of submitting an application is anywhere from one month for a smaller local grant to a couple of months for larger submissions. The grant that funded the first portion of South Main Street construction — the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development through the U.S. Department of Transportation for \$10,488,088 — the turnaround was just 45 days. “We submitted that grant application within a couple of minutes to deadline,” McDanel said. “So sometimes it takes every bit of the grant window opportunity to get something done.” The city partnered with the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments to help write the grant. While the project narrative was 30 pages long, the application was supported with just under 300 pages of additional materials. “I mean, those are opportunities that you don’t see rural communities getting awarded a lot,” McDanel said. “I stepped back, and I think it’s because we had a really great project, which we’ve done a lot of the legwork on. You know, for the most part, it was shovel ready and ready to go. It wasn’t just a dream, our community had already taken action on getting it to a certain point, and we just needed additional funding to construct it.” He said that while the application was well-done, he didn’t think anyone working on the application had the expectation for it to be successful, but just five months after submitting the grant, the city was notified it received the funds. After being awarded the first grant for this extensive project, McDanel said it gave the city confidence to go after large funding opportunities despite being from a rural community. Since then, the city has received numerous grants for other smaller-scale projects, alongside a second \$5.9 million grant for South Main Street through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program. When going through the city’s Fis-

Heiland works on many of the grant applications as well as the reporting after receiving funds. He said the amount of reporting all depends on the type of grant. “Some of them are super easy,” Heiland said. “You know, you get an invoice and there’s a website you go to and you just submit the invoice and say, ‘this is what this was done for,’ and that’s all you have to do to manage it.” Other grants, like Section 319 from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Watershed Management Plan, are more intensive. For that grant, Heiland said the city has to provide quarterly reports, summaries of all activities, time staff has spent on the project and work by engineering consultants.

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GREG MCDANEL
MARYVILLE CITY MANAGER

Though the process is sometimes long, McDanel said he thinks Maryville is so successful because of support for these projects. “If I just had to pick one reason, I’d say community support,” McDanel said. “I think there’s a lot of organizations and entities and businesses and citizens that really, you know, enjoy living here and want to see Maryville succeed.”

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CRIME LOG

for the week of Oct. 19

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 15

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Forest Village Apartments.

There is an open investigation for stealing in Martindale Hall.

There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Dieterich Hall.

Oct. 14

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in South Complex.

There is an open investigation for stealing in Dieterich Hall.

There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Perrin Hall.

Oct. 13

There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Franken Hall.

There is an open investigation for threatening nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images in Dieterich Hall.

MORE INFORMATION

University Police Chief Clarence Green said in an email to The Missourian the victim sent images of sexual nature to the suspect they met online. The suspect demanded money in order to avoid having the images shared online. He said there is a very low likelihood of resolving this case because most suspects are usually located in a foreign country.

Oct. 12

There is a closed investigation for property damage at the J.W. Jones Student Union.

There is an open investigation for harassment.

MORE INFORMATION

University Police Chief Clarence Green said in an email to The Missourian there was a report of an individual harassing females in the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse. The suspect would approach and make concerning statements and inappropriate contact. The suspect has been identified, and the victims are deciding if they want to pursue criminal charges.

Oct. 11

There is an open investigation for stalking in Franken Hall.

MORE INFORMATION

University Police Chief Clarence Green said in an email to The Missourian the suspect has called the victim multiple times, checked location through media and made concerning comments. Once the investigation is completed, the victim will determine if criminal charges will be pursued.

Oct. 10

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Tower Suites.

There is an open investigation for a vehicle accident with **Lauren McIntyre**, 19, in Parking Lot 30.



ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR

Olive DeLuce Art Gallery opened its first annual Senior Preview Show exhibit in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building after a lecture and reception Oct. 16. This exhibit will be open all week long for students to visit and see other students’ artwork.

First senior art exhibit opens

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The first annual Senior Preview Show exhibit opened in the Olive DeLuce Art Gallery in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building after a lecture and reception Oct. 16. The weeklong gallery showcases artwork from graduating seniors.

Seniors Keegan Kruse and Chesney Brown are two students whose pieces are on display in the gallery. They are both art education majors.

Kruse describes his artwork as fun. He is showcasing a painting that has a dancing chicken in the disco as its subject.

“It represents all of my art,” Kruse said. “My art is just about animals that are performing. That’s just kind of what I’m into and what I’m doing.”

He is excited about being able to display his artwork in the gallery alongside his peers.

Kruse chose art education as his major because he said he has always felt it was something he would be good at. He decided to combine education with art, one of his lifelong interests, so

he continued his passion for it.

“It pretty much has taken control of my life, honestly,” Kruse said. “I’ve always been making art, and now it’s going to be continuing my life because I’ll be teaching.”

Brown is showcasing two sculptural pieces. One is a life size Operation board game, with the inside objects representing things that are affecting American lives. The other piece is an abstracted view of intestines.

“All of my work kind of goes around the theme of the human body and the societal effects on the body,” Brown said. “They both kind of take different viewpoints, but all of my work is kind of like a fun and playful vibe with darker undertones.”

Her favorite part of displaying her work in the gallery is seeing how different each piece is. The seniors are at the same point in their art careers, and Brown likes being able to see how far they have all come.

Brown decided to major in art education because of all the art teachers that impacted her life growing up. She said they completely changed her high school

career and inspired her. Art in general has also impacted her in many ways.

“I feel like it’s a good outlook to get my emotional side out a little bit more, especially when I don’t feel like talking about it,” Brown said. “I can kind of talk about things that I’m thinking about a lot.”

Fine Arts Assistant Professor Thomas LaPann led the opening remarks before the gallery walkthrough. He described the senior show as a culmination of all the learning that happens in the four years of studying art.

LaPann said the showcase presents the seniors with an opportunity to take the wheel and display their aesthetics, voice and opinions.

“Art making is naturally an isolating event,” LaPann said. “As you work hard in the studio, late at night, often we have no idea what’s going on even across the hall or in other mediums. This show is an opportunity for us to give the floor to our graduating seniors. Take a look at all that growth happening and appreciate sort of what’s to come.”

The gallery will remain open for public view Oct. 19 from 1-5 p.m. and Oct. 20 from noon-5 p.m.

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Apart from being a participant, Northwest students also had the option of volunteering to be a role-player. Once role-players were at the site, they were sent to the moulage building where they got their injury makeup done and received the role they are playing. Peter Adam, the role-play coordinator, oversees the preparation the volunteers go through before they go into a lane.

Prior to the volunteers showing up for their preparation, Adam made scenario cards, which had vital statistics, injuries and the kind of moulage or makeup that the volunteers would need. Along with getting their background information and makeup, the role-players were given a safety talk before

they went into the field, which explained to them what to do in case they have a real injury.

Along with all of the preparation and work that happens prior to the program each year, Baker also said there are a lot of experienced people who are on the site helping with the simulations, this allows the participants to see how an experienced person works in these situations.

“We have people from the management agency, the American Red Cross, college professors from across the nation, military generals, so you are rubbing elbows with people who are very experienced,” Baker said. “They have connections in the industry, especially within emergency management and also the medical field. So it really gets you that leg up on other people, by continuing education with practical experience.”



ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR

Willow, a two-month old puppy, is available for adoption at the New Nodaway Humane Society. She is a mix of Anatolian Shepherd and a Goldendoodle.

SUPERSTITIONS

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Combs said even though there is still more monitoring, people still can lie and adopt these animals to harm them.

Friends of the Animal Shelter in St. Joseph did a Friday the 13th adoption special where all black dogs were \$13. Black animals can wait four times longer to get adopted from shelters, according to the Aiken County Friends of the Animal Shelter. Specials like the St. Joseph shelter did can help these animals get adopted.

Halloween is not the only holiday that negatively can affect animals, almost every holiday can.

“Everybody thinks they want to adopt around the holidays or get somebody a birthday or Christmas present,” Combs said. “Then they end up coming back in six months.”

Holidays can cause overcrowding because animals are brought back after the owner cannot care for it anymore. The

Humane Society does a Home for the Holidays special at the shelter to try and combat the overcrowding.

This year it was started early because the shelter is currently at capacity and cannot take in any more animals. The shelter started at the beginning of October and will continue until Dec. 31. All adoptions are half price and include spay or neutering, vaccination, microchips and more.

The shelter will be doing a Halloween Bark or Treat Oct. 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. in its parking lot. There will be treats for both dogs and children at the event, but is geared toward pets.

“Black cats are just like any other cat, it’s just another stereotype,” Combs said. “Sometimes it takes a little bit longer for them to get adopted because people are like, ‘I really don’t want a black cat.’”

She said the personalities of the pet and the potential owners matching is what really matters and if the pet has black fur, it does not make a difference.

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Attention to opioid misuse is important



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It relieves the pain — it’s the only thing that seems to help. The shaky legs and hands will settle, and the head-pounding anxiety will ease.

But it’s a monster. It latches on. Says it’s there to help, but then tears souls apart and leaves the pieces behind.

The United States has been experiencing an opioid epidemic for years, and many people across the country have experienced the impact of this public health crisis.

Opioids are substances that have a morphine-like effect and are mainly used for pain relief. Nearly 107,000 people died in 2021 from drug overdose — 75% of those deaths involved an opioid, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It’s common to cross paths with people who have been affected by opioids or know someone who has. They’re highly addictive and have negative impacts on mental and physical health. Opioids can be prescribed, but they can also be illegal, counterfeit medication.

Three million Americans have had or currently suffer from opioid use disorder, according to the National Institutes of Health.

It’s important to know the measures that can be taken to prevent OUD and drug overdose. Prescription drug monitoring programs and drug laws can determine the quantity and dosage prescribed to a patient and if there are other alternative solutions to their pain.

Providers can go through improvement programs to understand better prescribing practices. They can also make sure their patient understands the concept of the medicine, the risk, how to store it safely and how to dispose of it correctly. These steps made by providers are crucial to the prevention of OUD.

All of those decrease the risk of opioid overdose by preventing the addiction in the first place, but there are measures that can be taken to prevent someone with OUD from overdosing. Don’t let keeping someone with OUD in your life affect your mental health, but, if you are able, help them.

Recommend help — there are treatment and recovery resources available. Research programs in your area and show them their options. Giving them motivation to find help is already a step in the right direction.

It is critical to know what an overdose can look like to prevent loss of life. If you witness these symptoms, seek medical help immediately and don’t leave the person alone. The symptoms can include small, constricted pupils, falling asleep/loss of consciousness, slow, shallow breathing, choking sounds, limp body and pale, blue or cold skin, according to the CDC.

Treatment and prevention can not only improve the quality of life of those affected, but it can save lives. It’s a monster, but with the help of everyone, it doesn’t have to be so scary.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat is excited for Marshalls

As everyone in Maryville knows, a Marshalls has opened in town recently and people have been rushing in. I am overly excited because there is no other place I could find my Juicy Couture toothbrush or Ellen DeGeneres potty training pads.

Over the years I have lived in Maryville, my closet has consisted of graphic T-shirts on the clearance rack at Walmart and garage sale pants that barely fit. I’ve also picked up on my dumpster-diving abilities,

which college students have had to resort to, but I just want to window shop and feel like I have money sometimes. Having a Marshalls in town is great and all, but I’m not a millennial or a middle-aged mother.

The people in this town deserve options other than an upgraded Walmart. I often wonder how much of a culture shock it would be for Maryville to get Spencers in town. We would probably lose our minds. If we had the abili-

ty to put an American Eagle in Maryville, nobody would know what to do with themselves.

I am so excited about the new Marshalls, and I hope their sales will be a wake-up call for the town that we would really appreciate if they decided to put a Target here.

Now I’m not hinting at anything, but if someone had the ability to put a Target in town, I would drop to my knees and beg. I can’t wait to see what this town decides to open in

the next couple of years, and if we’re lucky, we might even get another Starbucks.

I hope Maryville starts considering new shops in town because I’ve been wearing the same clothes since middle school, and I’m in my 20s now. Until then, I will continue to endlessly scroll through my Amazon and sigh immensely.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the Northwest Missourian.

OUR VIEW:

All women’s sports need to thrive is equal opportunity

A chance is all it takes. Give women’s sports a chance, and they can — and have proven they will — make the most of it.

Women’s sports consistently battled with the notion that they’re not interesting enough or important enough to dedicate resources to. Why put money into something that isn’t going to make money?

Well, if 2023 has done anything, it’s proven women’s sports are worth it. The Editorial Board believes if women’s sports are given the necessary support and resources, amazing things can come.

Over 92,000 fans packed Memorial Stadium Aug. 30 in Lincoln, Nebraska — not for a Cornhusker football game but for four women’s volleyball teams. It wasn’t all just for the Division I’s University of Nebraska or University of Omaha, as Division II’s Nebraska-Kearney and Wayne State also participated.

The event’s attendance was officially set at 92,003, which is a new record for attendance at a women’s athletic event.

It’s also higher than this year’s homecoming attendance for Florida, Auburn and Clemson — whose stadiums are all in the top-15 for largest capacities in the NCAA. Out of the three, only Clemson has a smaller capacity than Nebraska’s Memorial Stadium.

It’s one of the most electrifying moments in all of sports, and it wouldn’t have happened without an opportunity. The administrations of all four schools could’ve told themselves, “Why bother?” Instead, they were part of one of the greatest moments in all of sports.

All it took was a chance. Yes, staff, location and money are all important aspects of each sport and event, but would it seem like such a daunting task if it were for men’s sports?

The NCAA spends an average of \$5,282 per male student-athlete and \$3,053 per female student-athlete for its single-gender sports championships, which include football, wrestling, beach volleyball, bowling, field hockey and rowing, according to a 2021 external review of the NCAA by Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP.

Nebraska, as well as three other schools, were given a chance to be big, and they surpassed what some probably thought was even possible. If men’s sports can be given the necessary resources to succeed, so should women’s sports.

It’s not all on the administrations or those in charge, either. While resources should be given more equally, it’s hard to convince organizations, corporations



HAILEY JOHNSON-NEESER CARTOONIST

or businesses to do so if they don’t see the point — that’s where fans come in.

Over the last six seasons, the average attendance at a Northwest women’s basketball game is nearly 708. In comparison, the average number of fans at a men’s game is 1,159.

Even in the 2021-22 season — when the Bearcat women had their best season in a decade — the average attendance in Bearcat Arena was 640 for a women’s game and 1,265 for the men.

Whether it’s advocating for it, donating to a local women’s team, watching one game or even just watching a documentary on wom-

en’s sports — it all helps.

Nebraska’s Volleyball Day was not just a fluke, either. This year’s Women’s World Cup was the most viewed in history. Recently, Iowa women’s basketball broke the women’s basketball attendance record with 55,646 people — snapping a 21-year-old record.

Women’s sports should be given the necessary resources to succeed, and female athletes shouldn’t have to look at men’s sports and wonder, “Why not us?” They deserve recognition, and they’ve proven they can do amazing things with it.

YOUR VIEW:

Do you feel women’s sports receive enough recognition?

Rachael Engemann
Sophomore
Early Childhood Education



“No, you don’t really hear a lot about them. You mostly just hear about football.”

Emma Craven
Junior
Early Childhood Education



“I would say that it’s not exactly women’s sports, but specific sports that don’t get enough recognition.”

Isaiah Jackson
Senior
Business Management



“No, I don’t think so. I guess with both college and pro, I couldn’t tell you why. I think it should be equal.”

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Northwest set to embark on four-game road trip after pair of wins

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Northwest soccer is hitting the road again after a four-game home stint to take on Northeastern State Oct. 20 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and Rogers State Oct. 22 in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Coach Marc Gordon said the Bearcats are focused on their decision making with the ball and recovering to help with defense heading into the weekend.

“We’re starting to kind of come out of a low that we had with the middle part (of the season), and I think our performance in the last four games has continued to improve,” Gordon said.

Northwest (5-4-5) is traveling to Northeastern (4-6-4) after a pair of wins over Newman Oct. 13 and Central Oklahoma Oct. 15. The last match between the Bearcats and Riverhawks ended in a 1-0 victory for Northwest Oct. 14, 2022.

The ‘Cats will continue their road trip when they face Rogers (6-6-2). The Hillcats are going into the weekend off a loss to Fort Hays State Oct. 15.



AARON HARE PHOTOGRAPHER
Northwest soccer senior forward Kaylie Rock shoots the ball during the first half of the Bearcats’ 3-0 win over Central Oklahoma Oct. 15. Rock attempted three shots and scored two goals against the Bronchos, bringing her program-record career total to 26.

“I think both teams are well coached,” Gordon said. “With (Northeastern), the coach does a very good job of playing to their strengths each season and what he has available in his pool of players, and they’re just really organized defensively. All three of us are holding on, and so the importance of having the mentality of postseason already for all of us, I anticipate two challenging matches.”

The Bearcats had two players receive MIAA honors after their successful week-

end. Senior forward Kaylie Rock earned the MIAA Offensive Athlete of the Week. Rock knocked in three goals over the weekend — one over Newman and two over Central.

Rock earned her 25th goal in her career as a Bearcat during the match against the Bronchos. She said after the match against Central, she gives credit for the achievement to her teammates.

“It’s pretty cool,” Rock said Oct. 15. “We all work super hard, and those goals would not happen without the team.”

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NW vs. Northeastern State
7 p.m. Oct. 20
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

NW vs. Rogers State
1 p.m. Oct. 22
Claremore, Oklahoma

Junior midfielder Lucia Fernandez took the honor of MIAA Defender of the Week. Fernandez scored two goals against Newman and helped lead Northwest’s defense on its way to shutting out both the Jets and Bronchos. Fernandez said it was time to win some matches.

“We’re trying to take care of our control, moving the ball defensively,” Fernandez said. “We’re wanting to take control of our game and play as we know as we need. And, moving the ball good — side to side with the lines — quick thinking, faster than the other team and go how we know to play.”

The Bearcats have had some physical games recently, with plenty of players becoming acquainted with the turf, and three yellow cards being awarded in a single weekend, only one of which went to a Bearcat.

“We have a hard mentality,” Fernandez said. “We have to stay strong — more than the other team — and play hard.”

With it nearing the end of the season, the Bearcats are looking to earn a spot in the conference tournament. The top-eight teams in the MIAA will make the tournament, and Northwest is sitting at fifth.

“All the players know how important the next match is, as we continue to try and fight our way into this,” Gordon said. “There’s an understanding that we have to perform if we want to control our own destiny.”

NORTHWEST CROSS COUNTRY’S TOP FINISHERS THIS SEASON

GRIFTON TWILIGHT WOMEN’S 5K	GRIFTON TWILIGHT MEN’S 6K	WOODY GREENO/JAY DIRKSEN INVITE WOMEN’S 5K	WOODY GREENO/JAY DIRKSEN INVITE MEN’S 8K	GANS CREEK CLASSIC WOMEN’S 6K	GANS CREEK CLASSIC MEN’S 8K
1. REDSHIRT FRESHMAN OLIVIA BAKKER 18:18.19 (SECOND PLACE)	1. SOPHOMORE DREW ATKINS 18:14.01 (FIRST PLACE)	1. JUNIOR TAYLOR MCCREEDY 18:02.6 (EIGHTH PLACE)	1. SOPHOMORE DREW ATKINS 23:45.7 (THIRD PLACE)* *- PROGRAM RECORD	1. JUNIOR ALYNA THIBAUT 22:36.4 (SEVENTH PLACE)	1. SOPHOMORE DREW ATKINS 24:22.5 (SECOND PLACE)
2. JUNIOR TAYLOR MCCREEDY 18:27.36 (THIRD PLACE)	2. JUNIOR DILLON GROVER 18:39.34 (SIXTH PLACE)	2. JUNIOR ALYNA THIBAUT 18:07.0 (TENTH PLACE)	2. SOPHOMORE NATE MUELLER 23:54.0 (FOURTH PLACE)	2. JUNIOR TAYLOR MCCREEDY 22:38.0 (EIGHTH PLACE)	2. SOPHOMORE NATE MUELLER 25:20.9 (NINTH PLACE)
3. JUNIOR ALYNA THIBAUT 19:18.11 (TENTH PLACE)	3. REDSHIRT FRESHMAN COOPER GREENSLADE 18:45.36 (NINTH PLACE)	3. SOPHOMORE WHITNEY POST 18:57.0 (28TH PLACE)	3. JUNIOR DILLON GROVER 24:52.5 (11TH PLACE)	3. SOPHOMORE LYDIA MCGLOCKLIN 23:13.0 (20TH PLACE)	3. JUNIOR TYLER BLAY 26:07.8 (22ND PLACE)

MIAA PRESEASON POLLS
WOMEN - VOTED THIRD
MEN - VOTED SIXTH*
*- RECEIVED ONE FIRST PLACE VOTE

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MIAA
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Kinslow said practice has been all maintenance work. He said he is confident in his teammates, and he has noticed a lot of hard work coming from each and every one of them during practice.

The freshman also said the team is very prepared for the championship because Cunningham has done a very

thorough job in training. The team has been in the same training block for the past three weeks. Cunningham said it is meant to push the athletes individually and as a team.

“We are focusing on the task at hand and that is to prepare ourselves to the best of our abilities, both physically and mentally,” Cunningham said. “We haven’t done anything special really. Just good, old-fashioned hard work.”

While preparing for the competi-

tion, Kinslow said he will be wearing his lucky socks, chewing a piece of gum during warm-ups and listening to the same songs he always does before meets.

“A big competition like this just is the height of our season,” Kinslow said. “This has been what we have been working toward the whole season. This is what we have been talking about the whole season, and this is where our mindsets have been.”

SENIORS
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“Football is pretty much my life,” Garner said. “The tradition that coach Webb has brought to this team is truly amazing, and it is something that will always stay in Maryville.”

Davis said Lafayette (1-7) has a lot of talent on both sides of the ball, and Maryville’s (7-1) main focus will be going out onto the field at game time with the same intensity that it has all season.

Even while stressing the importance of staying focused on going 1-0 each week, Webb also kept going back to the pride he said he felt in the senior athletes.

“These guys deserve to be honored the right way,” Webb said. “I’m very proud of them, and I’m very emotional, and I want to talk about them because they’re such great human beings, and they’re great. They’re great young men who show that our future is very bright when these are the types of people who will be leading our communities one day. Being able to say they’re Spoofhounds is something special.”

As the seniors prepare for their last regular season nearing an end, emotions may be stirred for every player, coach, family or friend.

Davis said Webb always talks about ‘tradition never graduates’ but the athletes inevitably do.

“I have enjoyed every moment of my time with the Spoofhounds, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything,” Davis said. “Seeing this regular season come to an end is sad, but I’m very happy with what we have accomplished as a team. And, I’m very happy with all the lifetime memories I have made as a Spoofhound.”

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As previously mentioned, the Gorillas are undefeated at 7-0. They’ve won by an average margin of 18 points. They’ve beaten the three teams Northwest has already lost to this season. And, they come in at No. 2 in the latest American Football Coaches Association’s top-25 poll.

But, going against tough teams is nothing new to Northwest. After coming in with a better record for the first time since 2012 — at 5-1 at the time — Western still fell to the Bearcats for the 10th-straight time. Additionally, the ‘Cats are 4-3 all-time against teams ranked at No. 2 in the nation.

Northwest also has plenty of history with Pitt State, as this year’s Homecoming is set to be the 55th matchup between the two. In the past two meetings, the game was decided by 2 or fewer points.

“They’re a great football program, and I feel like we have one, too,” Wright said. “Just excited to have a phenomenal week of practice and get it going.”

Northwest’s Week 8 bout will be strength-on-strength, regardless of who has possession. The Bearcats are first in the MIAA in rushing yards allowed per game (56) and, offensively, are second in the conference in rushing yards per contest (191.6).

The Bearcats’ rushing attack is led by sophomore running back Jay Harris. The St. Louis, Missouri, native is fourth in Division II with 947 rushing yards. Junior offensive lineman Derec Weyer said he takes a lot of pride in setting up a path for the MIAA’s leading rusher.



AARON HARE PHOTOGRAPHER
Northwest football junior linebacker Andrew Dumas and sophomore safety Shane Fredrickson celebrate Fredrickson’s late-game interception with 1:39 left to play in the Bearcats’ 27-23 win over Missouri Western Oct. 14.

“As an offensive lineman, you want to run the ball, you want to pound the rock, and, with a guy like Jay, you can,” Weyer said. “So, just being able to block our schemes, block the guys we’re targeting and just opening those gaps up for Jay, just, it means a lot, you know.”

On the other side, will be the conference’s top rushing attack, as the Gorillas average 202.7 yards per game. Like the Bearcats, they’ve also been able to defend the run successfully, coming in at No. 2 in the MIAA in yards allowed per matchup with 88.

Pitt State’s success in stopping the run has helped the team to the second-best scoring defense in the conference, giving up just 17.9 points per contest — compared to Northwest at No. 4, allowing an average of 22.7.

“It is fun to prepare for good defenses, but, you know, you’re in the MIAA, so you’re always going to face good defenses,” Weyer said.

“They do different things, and they’re proficient in all of it,”

Wright said. “Yes, they can run the football, but they throw the ball well, too. You see themes when you watch them offensively, and it’s totally predicated on whom they’re playing. So, they’re gonna accentuate certain things against certain teams, and it’s just based on what they’ve seen on film.”

For Northwest, success on Homecoming hasn’t been hard to find. The Bearcats have won 25 of their last 27 Homecomings, including the last seven.

For some players, the internal incentive to perform well for a homecoming crowd can be distracting. But, for Weyer, he’s doing what his coach is trying to instill in his players — just focusing on getting the win.

“You look at every other team, Homecoming is a big deal because that’s normally when your biggest fans, most crowds gonna show up,” Weyer said. “Just because it’s Homecoming doesn’t change who it is, doesn’t change the opponent, but, you know, the end goal is to beat them — to win.”

Maryville boys soccer looks for conference title on road

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As the regular season progresses, Maryville boys soccer has two more matches before the Class 1 District 8 Tournament Oct. 30-Nov. 1. The Spoofhounds will travel — but won’t have to go far — for both of their matches against Lafayette-St. Joseph at 4 p.m. Oct. 19 and St. Joseph-Benton at 5 p.m. Oct. 25 in St. Joseph. As both teams are also part of the Midland Empire Conference, these matches could be important for Maryville to win a potential conference championship to go three years in a row. Senior attacking midfielder Kason Teale talked about the importance of winning the next two matches. “Lafayette is going to be a big match for tying for conference or winning the conference outright,” Teale said. “Then, Benton is our last match before districts, so it’s important to keep our form and play the best we can in those games.” This will be the first matchup between the ’Hounds and the Fighting Irish this season, but it will be the second time Maryville and Benton meet.

In their first match up this year, Maryville won 4-0 Oct. 3. Against Lafayette, Maryville has won all 11 of their last games together with the last time the Spoofhounds didn’t win being a tie Oct. 13, 2016. For the Spoofhounds’ recent contests, they lost 3-1 for the third overall time this year against St. Pius X Oct. 12. This match was crucial because the Warriors are also in the hunt for an MEC title, and their win may help them toward clinching and keeping the Spoofhounds from a title. First-year coach Matt Stoecklein said improvements need to be made. “We need to pass the ball better and better touches,” Stoecklein said. “We just didn’t do that very well. We were standing, watching and not anticipating and not thinking ahead.” Maryville had another outing against Savannah Oct. 16, with the Spoofhounds emerging victorious in 8-0 fashion on senior night. Teale said he was happy about how his last home match went. “It was good — it was fun to play out here for the last time,” Teale said. “We had a lot of memories on this field — a lot of wins on this field — and it is

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MHS vs. Lafayette-St. Joseph
4 p.m. Oct. 19
St. Joseph, Missouri

MHS vs. St. Joseph-Benton
5 p.m. Oct. 25
St. Joseph, Missouri

nice to just end with an 8-0 win and getting everyone involved.” Stoecklein said he was also happy with how his team played and saw some improvements on the field. “I thought we started moving really well without the ball,” Stoecklein said. “There have been a lot of games where we kind of stand and watch, but we had kids making runs and cutting through, and, obviously, we need that in the first half.” When districts roll around, the ’Hounds will be shooting for their fourth championship in a row. While Stoecklein is more focused on the upcoming matches, he is also preparing for districts. “The struggles we had for Pius and Barstow (Sept. 2 and Oct. 6), with our three losses, you know, we’re trying to get those cleaned up,” Stoecklein said.



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Maryville boys soccer senior forward Lane Hazen dribbles the ball down the pitch to score a goal during the 8-0 win against Savannah Oct. 16. The Spoofhounds also celebrated their senior day and honored eight seniors.

Volleyball set to host Missouri Western after two road games

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Northwest volleyball will return home after back-to-back road matches when it faces Missouri Western at 6 p.m. Oct. 24 in Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats are going into the match after a 3-2 comeback win over Missouri Southern Oct. 17. Coach Amy Woerth said she’s glad to be playing at home again. “You know, we’ve already beat them on the road,” Woerth said. “(Western) has some young talent, but they are a good team. A lot of the stuff is going to stay the same no matter who we play, but just how we control those controllables and use being home as our leverage.” The Griffons (14-7, 7-5 MIAA) have gone 7-3 in their matches since the last showdown between them and the Bearcats. The last time Northwest (11-9, 6-6 MIAA) and Western faced off

ended with the Bearcats sweeping the Griffons Sept. 19. Junior middle hitter Abby Brunssen led Northwest in kills during its comeback victory over Southern with 18. Brunssen said the Bearcats are looking to show their dominance over Western. “Obviously, they’ve had a lot of success the past couple of weeks,” Brunssen said. “We’re just continuing to play our game and not play how they play. And, yeah, just get through one game at a time.” Northwest found itself down two sets during the match against Southern. The Bearcats were able to take control of the match during the third set, taking it 25-20 and keeping their chances alive before going on to take the final two sets. Woerth said the Bearcats knew what they needed to do to make the comeback happen against the Lions (12-9, 5-7 MIAA). “We just weren’t in the right mind when it came to what we were doing in the first two sets,”

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consecutive times that Northwest volleyball has defeated Missouri Western

Woerth said. “I think that what you saw in the last three sets is some depth on the bench that we’re able to go into and play a different setter, a different libero and get some different results.” Northwest had a lower hitting percentage, at 15%, against Southern than in its previous two matches, a 20% hit rate against Central Oklahoma (18-3, 9-2 MIAA) and a 36% hit rate against Pittsburg State (7-13, 3-9 MIAA). The Bearcats were still able to reach their goals of aces and blocks per set, averaging two of each per set.



AARON HARE PHOTOGRAPHER
Bearcat volleyball junior middle hitter Avery Kemp passes the ball over the net during Northwest’s third set in a 3-0 loss against Central Oklahoma Oct. 13.

“A big goal for us the past couple of weeks has been getting those two blocks per set,” Brunssen said. “Obviously, I’m really proud, and we’ve put a lot of work in outside of practice just to get those blocks. Aces have been another thing that’s been super important to us.” The ’Cats have also played a match against Newman (0-19, 0-11 MIAA) Oct. 18, in between the Southern and Western games. However, the match will not be

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NW vs. Missouri Western
6 p.m. Oct. 24
Bearcat Arena

finished in time for publication. “We had a lot of success against Newman the last time we played them,” Brunssen said before the match. “I’m hoping we can continue that success and get them done in three.”

Golf finishes fall schedule with record-breaking performance

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Northwest golf competed at the Midwest Intercollegiate Invite Oct. 16-17 at the Mules National Golf Course in Warrensburg, Missouri. The Bearcats finished in sixth place and rewrote a few program records in the process. After day one, Northwest was in 12th place and shot a 323. However, day two was nearly the complete opposite, as Northwest managed to climb six spots with a record-breaking round of 18 holes, shooting a team score of 296. The record originally was 298, set March 2019 during the third round of the MIAA Championship. Northwest was led by juniors Paige Hoffman, Madilyne Schlaepfer and senior Elly Speece. Hoffman, after shooting an 81 on day one, followed up with a 68 on day two — finishing tied for 10th overall. The second-day performance tied a team record for lowest 18-hole score, of which Hoffman previously set May 8 at the Division II Central Region Tournament. Schlaepfer and Speece both finished tied for 14th overall, scoring a 143 both days. Speece shot a 75 on her second day, which tied her best overall score out of the six fall meets this season. Being able to hit quality drives and hit her approach shots on the green were the reasons for her success, Speece said. But, she said the mental strength was

what allowed the team to bounce back for a strong second day. “We all just fought — we all played really well, had really good mindsets — and that is kind of what we need for this team,” Speece said. In his eighth year as the golf coach, Andy Peterson said the reason the Bearcats could turn around their performance after a tough day was because of their experience. The five athletes who competed for Northwest are all juniors and seniors.

“

We all have gotten so close, this team dynamic just works so well.”

ELLY SPEECE

SENIOR

Peterson said many of the girls have a lot of experience, and they understand having one bad day doesn’t mean the tournament is over. The athletes have been able to understand golf is all about one shot and one hole at a time, Peterson said. Avoiding the high scores

and just taking advantage of their opportunities to shoot low has been the key to their recent success, Peterson said. The culture change the team has experienced is one of the big reasons why. “When I took over eight years ago, the culture was not very positive,” Peterson said. “We have always had great people, we just didn’t have a lot of structure in the program. The first three-four-five years was just about getting the program back to what it means to be in a competition and be a part of a team.” Speece also said she can tell a real difference in the culture of the program. The senior said the Bearcats have become really close, and it is because of the time they spend together off of the course. Speece said the impact has shown through their performance on the course. “We all have gotten so close, this team dynamic just works so well,” Speece said. “A few of us live together, and we spend a lot of time outside of golf together doing faith discussions and going to dinners.” The Midwest Intercollegiate Invite was the last tournament the Bearcats will be participating in this fall. Speece said the next few weeks are about taking advantage of some time off to catch up on academics and to have a break before preparations for the spring season begins. Northwest will also be spending more time in the weight

room with strength and conditioning coach Matt Wendelberger. Peterson said the team will move from lifting twice a week to three times and work on building up its endurance for the spring. He said the goal is to get

the Bearcats healthy and keep them healthy. “We will try and stay sharp for as long as we can,” Peterson said. “March 8 is going to come around the corner a lot quicker than we think it will.”



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Northwest football junior wide receiver John Giagiari runs down the field after receiving a catch from Senior quarterback Mike Hohensee during the 27-23 win against Missouri Western Oct. 14. He has caught two touchdown passes this season.

HOMECOMING “BY THE NUMBERS”

NW		PITT
29.7	Points per game	35.9
22.7	Opponents' points per game	17.9
419.4	Yards per game	431.7
329.0	Yards aloud per game	288.6
191.6	Rushing yards per game	202.7
56.0	Rushing yards allowed per game	88.0
227.9	Passing yards per game	229.0
273.0	Passing yards allowed per game	200.6

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It's been a season unlike any other for Northwest football, and for a multitude of reasons. The Bearcats opened the campaign with a comeback win over Missouri Southern Aug. 31. Then, they dropped two straight for the first time since 2017 — including their first home loss since 2018. The team was able to find some momentum in its 59-0 win over Lincoln for Family Weekend, but lost it when its comeback bid fell short to Central Missouri Sept. 30. Northwest's record of 2-3 after the loss to the Mules was its worst through five games since

Undefeated foe to be Homecoming guest for Bearcats

it finished 0-11 in 1994. Now, for the first time this season, the Bearcats are coming off of back-to-back wins — against Central Oklahoma Oct. 7 and Missouri Western Oct. 14. But, none of those games may be as big of a test for Northwest as its next, when it hosts undefeated

and reigning MIAA champions Pittsburg State at 2 p.m. Oct. 21 for this season's Homecoming. Coach Rich Wright, who's dealt with the attention Homecoming week brings multiple times in his seven years at the helm of the Bearcats, said Northwest needs to remain focused.

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NW vs. Pittsburg State
2 p.m. Oct. 21
Bearcat Stadium

“You're not going to see me judging any floats, I'm not building any floats, I'm not going to any outside events,” Wright said. “We have one job, and that's to play a football game and play well.” If the Bearcats (4-3) are to “play well,” they'll have to do it against one of the top teams in Division II.

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Maryville looks to honor seniors with regular season set to finish

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A night to honor the seniors nearing the end of their high school football career, the last regular season game and a chance of capturing the Midland Empire Conference title outright — it all takes place in the 'Hound Pound. Maryville will host Lafayette-St. Joseph at 7 p.m. Oct. 20. The Spoofhounds will be fighting for a chance to be the outright MEC champions, after clinching a share of the title — for the second-straight season — in their 39-20 win over Savannah Oct. 14 in the 'Hound Pound. Coach Matt Webb said he knows it's typical for a coach to talk about a team's progress, but he believes Maryville's is one that needs to be acknowledged. “I've felt like we have really learned a lot each week,” Webb said. “Being able to see our guys really apply things on the field, and I just think we've learned as the season's gone on — in a lot of ways. The way we're applying those things in games is really shown. This week is about the seniors at



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Maryville sophomore full back Sadler Viau takes the handoff and pushes through defenders keeping during their 39-20 win against the Savannah Savages Oct. 13. The Spoofhounds have rushed for a total of 734 yards.

senior night, I'm very proud of this program — it's unique.” Senior wide receiver Delton Davis is the MEC leader in receiving yards, averaging 97 yards per game and 486 in all. Senior wide receiver Wyatt Garner is at No. 5 in the MEC with 218 receiving yards and five touchdowns. Garner said he is also confident in his teammates, and he said every one of them already stepped up to do their part this season. While Garner was also

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MHS vs. Lafayette-St. Joseph
7 p.m. Oct. 20
'Hound Pound

able to easily find the words to describe how much his time in Maryville has meant, his words were more about his coach instead of his team.

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MIAA Championships next for cross country

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Northwest cross country will compete Oct. 20 in the MIAA Championships at the now-familiar Gans Creek Classic Course in Columbia, Missouri. Lincoln will host 25 men's and women's programs. The women will take off for the 6K at noon, followed by the men's 8K at 12:45 p.m. The Bearcats' last competition — the Gans Creek Classic Sept. 29 — was at the same site. The women's team placed third at the meet, and the men's took fourth. Coach Wick Cunningham said as the team gets closer to the competition, it will dial its focus down to itself. He said the Bearcats won't be thinking about how others are preparing or how others think of them. “We have a plan and our goal is to execute to the best of our abilities,” Cunningham said. “We do not let ourselves buy into the hype that this meet is anything special or bigger than it is.” Freshman Charlie Kinslow said he is lucky enough to have run on the course five times before this

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MIAA Championships
Oct. 20
Columbia, Missouri

season during highschool. In his last competition in Columbia, he ranked No. 63 in the men's 8K, timing in at 27:23.3. Kinslow said it is the best course in Missouri with perfect footing and no sharp turns, as well as being a mostly-wide open area for spectators. He said the competition will be a test of how much the team has progressed this season and what it should expect from itself moving forward and into next season. He said the team's schedule leading into the meet will be mostly simple and relaxing. “Going down on Thursday, doing a workout on the course, then going back to the hotel where we chill out and get Olive Garden catered in — yum,” Kinslow said.

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